

ORDINARY MEETING	5
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ACTIVITIES UPDATE FOR DIVISION 1

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RECOMMENDATION:

That Council notes the status of the projects for Division 1.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report presents an update on the current projects within Division 1.

COMMENT:

The following activities and projects have been undertaken by Community, Sport & Cultural Services department with Division 1.

Location	Comments	Status	Cost
Bill Wakeham Park	In the last two financial years, Council has installed an all-weather structure at Bill Wakeham Park; a paved area for marquees and demonstrations; and has delivered general improvements to the facility for the benefit of the Babinda Harvest Festival and user groups generally.	Complete	\$110k
	The Basketball court was also resurfaced with rebound Synpave surface and line marking.	Complete	\$15k
Tennis Court Bill Wakeham Park	The Tennis Court has been resurfaced with rebound Synpave surface and line marking, and net replacement.	Complete	\$15k
Skate Park Kenrick Park	After the completion of the park in late 2013, the opportunity arose in 2014, through the RDAF Skate in the Tropics program, to add shade and seating to the park. Council received a grant which centred on creating skate and BMX facilities in the regions outlying suburbs. Using this funding Council was able to construct a shade shelter and provide additional seating, with the project completed in May 2014. The addition of the shade sail saw the parks usage levels increase and it is	Complete	\$51,947.64

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Norman Park	<p>The two stage development plan for Norman Park is complete barring rewiring of lighting in the park. Improvements to the park include partial demolition of the water tower and an historic interpretive display at the base of the tower with new historic interpretive display, concrete stencilling and preservation of the base of the tower, new picnic shelter, seating and tables, new BBQ with shelter, pyramid extension to the playground, installation of footpaths, refreshing of the air raid shelter including repaint and historic signage, repairs to the cane cutters mural, repainting and refurbishment of the male and female toilets and the band rotunda, new seating, new bins and removal of old stage mound. The historic water tower display was launched by Cr Brain with a large number of the community attending. This was well received in print and television media.</p>	<p>Stage 1 & 2 Complete</p>	\$550k
Alley Park	<p>The review of the Alley Park master plan has provided a basis for Council to respond to the immediate needs of the local community as well as strategically manage expansion of facilities as demand increases. Participation trends and the distribution of sporting clubs at Johnson Park, Walker Road, Petersen Park and Fuller Park were considered during the development of the plan which will allow for a diverse range of sport and recreation opportunities.</p> <p>The immediate priorities for officers are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. to finalise design of Stage 1 (planned to occur in 2015/16) which includes expanding the current supply of two fields (one of which is undersized) to four full sized rectangular fields with the required safety buffer around each field, expanded shared club facilities, playground and parking; and 2. continue to work with the Department of Natural Resources and Mines around securing Trusteeship of all areas in "Alley Park West" 	<p>Master Plan Complete Stage 1 planned to commence 15/16</p>	<p>Stage1 \$1.75M</p>
Gordonvale Library	<p>The Gordonvale Library renovation will provide an additional 60sq mtrs of public space for current community use,</p>	<p>Pending</p>	<p>\$850k</p>

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	<p>upgraded technology including self-service, integrated council office and stock security, and roof replacement. Preliminary concept design is complete and quotation for interior design will be completed in March. Tender to complete the works will follow with the library planned for reopening August. The library opened in 1956 and the Customer Service Office added in 1994. Over 68,000 people visit the library annually.</p>		
<p>Gordonvale Hub</p>	<p>In line with other Council Community Halls, a review of the Gordonvale facility is being conducted with a view to seeking interest from local community groups who may be in a position to manage the facility under a Community Management Agreement with Council. Should Council extend the invitation to the community, the potential arrangement will be advertised and circulated to local community groups for consideration</p>		
<p>Babinda Library</p>	<p>Babinda Library reached a significant milestone on the 18 Feb 2015, marking 60 years since its official opening. A history and memorabilia display is currently on show in the library as a reminder of history in the traditional sugar town. Various activities have been planned throughout the year, including an "All day morning Tea" and community engagement asking for sixty fun facts about the library and Babinda township which will be added to the recently updated touch screen in the library</p>		

The following activities and projects have been undertaken by Infrastructure Services department with Division 1.

Location	Comments	Status	Cost
Evans Road Bramston Beach	Suburban Enhancement Program – shoulder seal (700m)	Complete	\$300k
Stager Road Babinda	Bridge replacement	Complete	\$450k
Deeral Boat Ramp	Toilet block replacement	Complete	\$300k
Fairweather Bridge – Roos Rd Babinda	Bridge Replacement	Complete	\$1.2m
Cartwright Road Eubenangee	Road widening	Complete	\$250k
	Full reconstruction to provide 7.2m wide sealed pavement	Programmed	\$340k
Joyce Road Woopan Creek	Full reconstruction and shoulder seal	Programmed	\$177k
Hamilton Road Glen Boughton	Henry MacDonnell Bridge replacement	Programmed	\$800k
Cairns Road Gordonvale	Replacement footbridge	Complete	\$74k

OPTIONS:

Council note the activities of Division 1.

ATTACHMENTS:

Photos of Skate Park and Tennis Court



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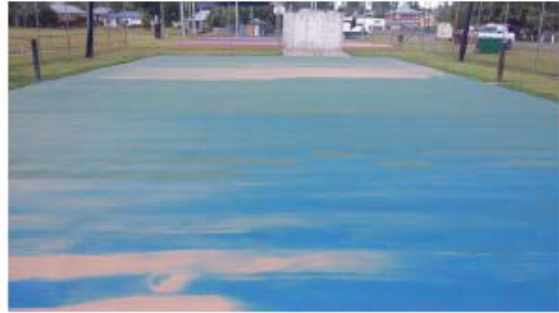


Bill Wakeham Park

Before



Additional Layer applications



After



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